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SUBJ: MARCH 10-12 EGYPTIAN PRESS ON KHARTOUM EVENTS:

RETURN TO PRO- PALESTINIAN POSITION

REF: CAIRO 0710; CAIRO 0737

SUMMARY: FROM SLIGHTLY PRO- NIMAIRI BIAS ON ISSUE OF BSO TERRORISM IN KHARTOUM, PRESS OF MARCH 10-12 HAS TURNED TOWARD SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS. THIS IS PARALLELED BY INCREASINGLY SHARP EDITORIAL ATTACKS ON US, AND GOE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT REJECTING NEGOTIATIONS OR BARGAINING OVER PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

1. FROM SLIGHTLY PRO- NIMAIRI BIAS THAT HELD THROUGH MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK IN CAIRO, PRESS BEGAN TO CHANGE TUNE ON MARCH 10 WITH PUBLICATION OF SEVERAL FRONT- PAGE ARTICLES

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GIVING HEAVY PLAY TO PALESTINIAN COMMANDO ACTIVITY IN GAZA STRIP. ON SAME DAY, AKHBAR'S CHAIRMAN IHSAN ABDEL QUDDUS PUBLISHED EDITORIAL IN WHICH HE STATED THAT PALESTINIAN FEDAYEEN ACTION IS NOT TERRORISM, BUT STRAIGHT-FORWARD ACT OF WAR EXPRESSIVE OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND VIEWS. QUDDUS ASKED KHARTOUM JUDGES TO UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN SIRHAN SIRHAN HAS NOT BEEN EXECUTED, AND TO NOTE THE " PATRIOTIC MOTIVES RECOGNIZED BY EGYPT REOLEUM LAWS PRIOR TO WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS JAN 2-16 AND DISCUSSED CONTENTS WITH INTERESTED BUMINES OFFICERS DURING CONSULTATION PERIOD. PRELIMINARY CONSENSUS IS THAT BOTH DRAFTS (AS PRESENTED) MAY BE TOO LOOSELY WRITTEN TO BE FULLY ACCEPTABLE EITHER TO RGA OR FOREIGN INVESTORS. TO CONFIRM OR DISPELL QUESTIONS, AND TO BETTER COUNSEL POSSIBLE AMERICAN INVESTORS IN FUTURE, MINATT THEREFORE REQUESTED FROM BUMINES AND BLM LEGAL ADVISORS WRITTEN OPINIONS EACH DRAFT AS SEEN FROM USG POINT OF VIEW. HOPEFULLY THESE EVALUATIONS, WHEN RECEIVED, WILL FIT INTO FRAMEWORK OF COORDINATED EFFORT PROPOSED IN REF A.

4. FOR BUMINES : PLEASE ADVISE STATUS AND ETA ABOVE- REQUESTED REPORTS.

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